# Marianas Resource Conservation & Development Council





Marianas RC&D Council members, government representatives, and guests discuss recycling opportunities while touring the constructed wetland which treats waste water pumped from the Marpi Landfill, Science

### **OUR MISSION**

To promote the conservation education, orderly development and wise utilization of natural resources: thereby improving economic opportunities, community health, public awareness and quality of life of the people of the Mariana Islands.

A Nonprofit Organization

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) authorized the Marianas Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area in 1992 to address problems and opportunities in the Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI).

The Marianas RC&D Council is part of a national network of 375 locally directed Councils assisted by the USDA.

Volunteers from the Guam, Rota, Saipan, and Tinian Island Committees represent the Marianas RC&D Council.



Felix Quan (left) and Jocelyn Bamba (right) presenting Area Plan to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam (center).

# What is the Purpose of RC&D?

- To increase cooperation among member sponsors, cooperating agencies, communities, organizations, and individuals.
- Provide a means to pursue issues and needs common to the area and need collective action.
- Assist in coordinating federal and local programs and resources that are available to our island communities.

You can make a difference for your island and community!

#### What is the RC&D Process?

- RC&D facilitates a pro-active process which defines area resources, issues and needs.
- Specific strategies and actions are identified and implemented by project committees composed of people interested in making the change.



Joe Rosario, Council President (left) presenting Area Plan to the Honorable Diego T. Benavente, Lt. Governor of the CNMI (right).

# **Economic Development**

- To better utilize locally available resources.
- To expand natural resource based opportunities that contribute to economic and social vitality.
- To improve and develop new technologies for agriculture.
- To achieve balanced development combining natural resource utilization, tourism, industry, and commerce.



Coconut Candy produced as a value-added product in Tinian.



Tinian High School students caring for their island's natural resources.

# Human and Community Resources

- To increase citizen awareness, involvement, and effectiveness as the foundation to natural, technical, financial, and human resource development.
- To help communities find ways to provide needed facilities, resource recovery and recycling opportunities.



Island committee members inspecting opportunities for recreational facilities in Saipan.

People working together for the wise use and development of natural and human resources.

#### Natural Resource Conservation

- To develop and promote creative approaches to use and manage land for agriculture, forestry, water, wildlife, recreation and community needs.
- To protect the quality of natural resources through education, training, technical and financial assistance.



Demonstrating Animal Waste Systems in Guam.

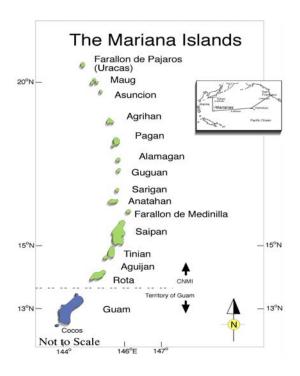
#### Get Involved with RC&D

- Come to a Council Meeting.
- Talk to a Council Member.
- Let them know about problems and opportunities you see.

Are You Interested? Volunteer Your Time!

Contact Jocelyn Bamba, Resource Conservation & Development Coordinator at (670) 236-0894 or Toll-Free from Guam (671) 735-4118

The vision of the Marianas RC&D Council is "Cooperative Leadership for a Marianas Paradise."



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